

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Final Office Action and entry of the foregoing amendments for the purpose of placing the claims in immediate condition for allowance or in better form for appeal is respectfully requested.

A one month extension of time with requisite fee is enclosed.

To summarize the claim changes or status presented herein:

A) Rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9, 46, 51, and 52 have been cancelled.

B) Allowed claims 6, 10, 47, 49 and 50 remain as earlier presented and found allowable.

C) Rejected Independent claim 8 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 53 noted in the Final Office Action as representing allowable subject matter. Claim 53 has been cancelled.

D) The objected to (allowable subject matter) dependent claim 48 has been rewritten into independent form.

E) Withdrawn claim 32, which depended from claim 10, has been amended to improve the antecedent status of some of the wording.

Based on the indication set out in the Final Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the claims contained within A to D contain subject matter noted as being allowable in the Final Rejection.

The remaining withdrawn claims 32 and 33 depend from allowed claim 10 and thus rejoinder of the withdrawn dependent claims is also requested. A review of claim 32 revealed a need for antecedent type minor revisions in that claim.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims stand in condition for allowance.

A check on the progress of the earlier forwarded supplemental declaration is being made. In the event it is not received by the time the case is picked up for consideration a Quayle Action is respectfully requested.

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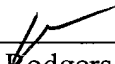
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If for any reason any fee is deemed required relative to this filing, authorization is given to charge deposit account no. 02-4300 for such fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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